

Section 235 - Public Utilities Commission

Section 235:00. Deposits.

Subd. 1. Every new applicant for electrical service, and any customer whose credit standing is not satisfactory or who has not been prompt in payment for utility service during the preceeding twelve months, shall deposit with the Clerk the sum of \$10.00 for residential service and \$20.00 or more for commercial service. Deposits shall bear no interest, and shall be deposited in the Public Utilities Account at the official depository designated by the Council for its municipal funds.

Subd. 2. A meter deposit may be refunded after twelve (12) consecutive months of prompt payment, but in no case will a deposit be refunded if the credit of the customer is not satisfactory to the Clerk. A deposit will be refunded upon discontinuance of service if the account is paid in full.

Subd. 3. A new or additional deposit in an amount not exceeding two months billing may be required upon ten days written notice of the need of such deposit, in any case where the deposit has been refunded, or is found to be inadequate to cover bills not paid, or where the credit standing of a customer is not satisfactory to the Clerk.

Section 235:05. Payment and Penalties.

Subd. 1. Utilities bills become due and payable on the fifth day of the month following the period in which service was rendered.

Subd. 2. A penalty of ten per cent (10%) will be added to accounts not paid on or before the twentieth day of the month the bill is due.

Section 235:10. Disconnection.

Subd. 1. The Commission may disconnect service to any customer without notice for any necessary repairs.

Subd. 2. Service will be disconnected for non-payment of accounts thirty (30) days after they are past due. A service charge of \$2.50 will be added to the account for disconnection under this subdivision of this ordinance.

Subd. 3. When the service of a customer has been disconnected for non-payment of bills, it shall not be resumed except upon payment of the account in full, and the payment in advance of a fee of \$2.50 for turning on the service.